

LETTER ARRIVES 40 YEARS LATE: Vern Holt, shown above, was 11 years old when the Inada Seeds and Bulbs company, of Tokyo, Japan, mailed a letter to the Heaven Flower shop, Benton Harbor. The letter, dated Jan. 10, 1933, arrived yesterday, 40 years, 7 months later. Holt is now owner of the shop, located at 1031 Pipestone street. The letter said "Shipment on its way. You should receive it before this letter." Holt said the shipment was probably seeds, bulbs or flowers. Holt will understand if next week a worn wooden box, containing withered flowers, is delivered to his shop. (Staff photo)

## Narcs Rounding Up 22 Berrien Suspects

Berrien county Metro Narcotics agents and about 30 other police officers began rounding up 22 persons this morning on warrants charging delivery of narcotics.

No warrants were issued for delivery of heroin, but five were issued for delivery of cocaine, a drug that is becoming more available in this area, according to Det. Sgt. Al Edwards, of Benton Harbor.

Cocaine, a derivative of chewed coca leaves, can be sniffed, Edwards said. It is

weaker than heroin, but has the advantage of not requiring the paraphernalia needed for heroin use. It comes from South America.

Today's raid began from three points in St. Joseph, Niles and Buchanan. Twelve persons were to be picked up in the Niles area, seven in the Twin Cities and three in Buchanan.

Police from Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Benton township, Berrien County sheriff, Niles and Buchanan were involved in this morning's raid. The arrests

are the result of an investigation by the Metro squad, Michigan State Police Intelligence Unit and the State of Michigan Drug Diversion Unit, according to Ives.

Nine persons had been taken into custody at 10 a.m. today. They were booked and lodged in the Berrien county jail.

Police identified the arrested persons and the charges: Junior and Mary Alsop, both of 658 Pavone street, Benton Harbor, delivery of amphetamines; Gerhard Binder, 1652 Pearl street, Benton Harbor, delivery of cocaine; Mike Champion, Benton Harbor, delivery of penicillin; Larry Doan, 1698 Glencoe drive, Benton Harbor,

delivery of marijuana; Charles Samny Dolish, 712 Maple street, Niles, violation of the pharmacy act; Donald Harris, 2666 Pierce road, Lake Michigan Beach, delivery of marijuana; Jerry Wayne Kelley, 301 Main street, Buchanan, delivery of methamphetamines; Terry Rach, 253A Linco road, Berrien Springs, delivery of marijuana.

## Fairgoers Face 'Grass' Charges

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Four teenagers were arrested at Berrien Youth fairgrounds here last night on charges of possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, according to Berrien Springs-Oronoko police.

Police identified the teenagers as Joseph M. Ott, 19, 3143 Watson road, Sedus; Pamela J. Nelson, 19, 879 Schultz court, Benton Harbor; and a 16-year-old St. Joseph youth.

Police said they confiscated about one pound of suspected marijuana from a car the foursome was in at the fairgrounds, after receiving a complaint from fair security guards that the teenagers were allegedly drinking in the car.

Officers said the suspected marijuana was found under the front seat and in a purse.

They said the juvenile was petitioned into probate court and released to the custody of his parents.

## Michigan Feels Newsprint Shortage

Newspaper publishers throughout Michigan are conserving newsprint as a nationwide shortage of paper threatens to get worse. One newspaper finds itself so short it's "living from day to day." See article on page 20.

## Semi-Invalid Dies In Buchanan Fire

BY LYLE SUMERIX  
South Berrien Bureau

BUCHANAN — Earl Anderson, 68, Clear Lake Woods road, confined to a walker since hip surgery last spring, died of asphyxiation as fire gutted his rural Buchanan home last night.

The victim was found slumped in a chair in the living room of the burning structure by Berrien sheriff's deputies from the Galien substation, who carried the chair and his body outside.

He was pronounced dead on arrival at Pawating hospital, Niles. Dr. D. Kent Hassan,

deputy Berrien medical examiner, said preliminary findings indicated death was due to asphyxiation.

Police and Buchanan township firemen theorized the victim may have fallen asleep in the chair before the fire started, and was overcome by smoke.

Anderson, who lived alone, was convalescing from hip surgery and used a walker to get around the house. Police said apparently there was no attempt by him to use a walker found near his body.

Deputies Larry Casto and Michael Renkawitz said they saw smoke coming from win-

dows of the two-story frame house while patrolling in the area about 8:13 p.m.

Unable to rouse anyone, they said they forced their way inside the house.

The chair in which Anderson was sitting was located near the front door, allowing deputies to get him out in spite of smoke and intense heat.

Fire Chief Charles Wesner said cause of the blaze was not immediately determined, although it apparently started in the kitchen area. He said the fire had been burning for some time before it was discovered.

Wesner was treated for a burn to his left forearm.

Buchanan township firemen, who were at the scene about four hours, were assisted by firemen and units from Buchanan city, Bertrand township, Weesaw township and Galien.

The body was taken to Swem-Smith funeral home, Buchanan, where funeral arrangements are pending.

The death was the second fire-related one in southwestern Michigan within a week. Dale R. Meyers, 26, Hartford, died from suffocation when fire gutted his apartment Saturday morning.

## \$160 Million Project Resumes

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Chrysler Corp. announced Thursday it will resume construction of a \$160 million assembly plant in New Stanton, Pa., this fall barring an anticipated sharp decline in auto sales in the United States.



ALLEGED NARCOTICS PEDDLER: Mary Ellen Alsop, 36, of 658 Pavone street, Benton Harbor, was arrested on a warrant today charging delivery of amphetamines. Making arrest are Benton Harbor Patrolmen Greg Platts, (left) and James Whiteside. Also arrested was Junior Alsop, her husband, police said. (Staff photo)



JUNIOR ALSOP  
Arrested in BH

## H-Pusher Describes Lawmaker's Habit

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A convicted heroin dealer is quoted by law officers as saying that a Michigan legislator used heroin almost every day over the past three or four years and had a habit of about \$40 a day.

The affidavit was filed with a search warrant request made in Lansing District Court to get a blood sample from the 32-year-old lawmaker, Rep. Dale Warner, R-Eaton Rapids.

Warner is free on \$3,500 bond after his arrest Wednesday on charges of possession and use of heroin.

Meanwhile, the Ingham County prosecutor's office reported late Thursday the test on Warner's blood sample was negative, meaning that no narcotics traces were found.

Asst. Prosecutor Thomas

Rasmusson said, however, that the use charge would remain. He said Dr. Ronald Thill at the State Public Health Department's crime laboratory said that narcotics are found normally only in blood when a large amount of drugs has been taken.

Lansing policeman Donald Gilbert said in the affidavit that Sgt. John Baylis of the metropolitan narcotics squad was told about Warner's habit on June 9 by Sam Witherspoon.

Witherspoon is serving a 12-to-20 year term in the Southern Michigan Prison at Jackson. Witherspoon's 24-year-old wife, Nancy, was arrested along with Warner in a Lansing motel room.

She was charged with possession of heroin.

Warner declined to comment

on the affidavit, saying he had been told by his Lansing attorney, Leo Farhat, not to comment.

"Although I am confident of (See page 13, sec. 1, col. 1)

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## Hopes For Riches Dashed, But He Still Can Grin

BY NICK TENERELLI  
Special Correspondent

NILES — A \$100,000 smile of a Niles man who got what initially was believed to be a rare double-struck one dollar bill in June has shrunk to a \$1 grin.

But he apparently doesn't regret it. Tony Lamb, 39, of 641 North Sixth street, said the smile disappeared when treasury officials informed him that the bill was not a valuable double-struck bill.

According to Lamb, the officials said the double print on one side of the bill was some kind of an attempt at counterfeiting.

The ruling, Lamb said he was told, came after chemical tests of the ink involved. The base ink was real, the officials said, but the overlay was not.

A real double-struck bill is one where the government in the printing, makes a double impression on one bill.

The oddity among collectors is worth thousands of dollars and Lamb had reported he had been told the bill could be worth \$100,000.

Lamb said the treasury officials kept the bogus bill and gave him a legal one in return. He had received the bogus one while on a shopping in downtown Niles in June.

Despite the outcome, Lamb, a press plate maker, said he doesn't regret it in the least.

"It's been one heck of an experience," commented the Simplicity Patterns employee. He explained that he got the opportunity to talk to several interesting and important people that he probably wouldn't



NILES' TONY LAMB CAN STILL GRIN

have gotten the chance to converse with otherwise. Lamb reported that he must memorize individual that he had a conversation with in regard to a double-struck "buck" was man who identified himself as the contractor who constructed "Disneyland" in Anaheim, Calif.

Lamb and his wife Lola are the parents of six children.



SCENE OF FATAL FIRE: A rural Buchanan man, Earl Anderson, 68, died when fire gutted his home near Clear lake last night. Buchanan township firemen battled blaze about three hours before bringing it under control. (Berrien County Record photo)

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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### Nixon Continues The Oblique Reply

As one who believes Richard Nixon would have fired the Watergate conspirators had he learned of their plan before pulling off the silly stunt, we felt let down by his Wednesday night TV broadcast of his position in the sorry mess.

The President so scrambled the good points with the poor and indifferent ones that only a specialist in constitutional law could draw comfort from his message.

As it was, the average viewer had the impression of looking at a poorly mixed omelette.

The Senate Watergate Committee has repeatedly left itself wide open for Nixon to refute positively the distillate of the innuendo, hearsay, opinion and speculation of its witnesses. After the Wednesday broadcast it will likely be inspired to start up a second round of the same when it reconvenes after Labor Day.

Only in the remark that John Dean, who has sung like a Kirtland warbler before the Committee, fell down on his assignment to check out the July, 1972 break-in and report to him personally did Nixon come close to hitting the nail on the head.

An accused labors under great difficulty in replying to a blanket indictment. Even so, Nixon could have responded categorically to the major complaints being hatched by Senator Ervin's investigators.

The slap at Dean, though well taken, fell short of running the indictment into the ground, item by item and in a time sequence understandable to the audience.

Had he first introduced the subject matter in that vein, a method consistently urged by his friend, Barry Goldwater, the viewer then would have taken with him a better understanding of the executive privilege doctrine or why no President can allow every Tom, Dick and Harry to rummage through confidential papers and recordings of conversations.

### Cashless Bottleneck

Many people believe the cashless society is just around the corner. They point to widespread use of credit cards, computer centers and other mechanisms for recording and transferring funds without the necessity of cash actually changing hands.

It all sounds very simple, on paper. An employer, instead of issuing a payroll check, signals a computer and a prearranged set of transfers are

### Experience No Asset

Judging by some newly raised criteria, a research scientist could have one of the shortest productive lives of any profession, including professional sports. An official of the Confederation of British Industry suggests researchers in science fields ought to retire in their '30s, or at least switch over to routine or administrative duties.

David Budworth says at some point in a scientist's life, research experience "can become a hindrance, preventing new thoughts." This is a view the Salks and Einsteins of the world might dispute.

The viewer, further, would have been more receptive to Nixon's comment that Watergate should be threshed out in the courts rather than in the circus atmosphere of the Senatorial hearings.

Most important of all, the viewer would have responded to the President's warning that it is high time for Congress to forsake Watergate's playtime and get back to work on the real problems going unanswered at Washington.

The tremendous drop in the public's appraisal of how the President is performing his job, from something like a 68 per cent approval at the year's beginning to this month's 31 per cent low, the same niche accorded Harry Truman towards the end of his term, indicates back handedly that most of the public would like to believe in Nixon but feels he is shutting himself off from its support.

It is questionable if Wednesday's convoluted address will improve the latest opinion poll ratings.

We are guessing history will rank Nixon in the upper bracket of Presidential performance.

Most people, however, are not too interested in the past, nor do they peer far into the future.

Meeting the demands of the present is the overwhelming consideration.

Nobody can be a good executive, in Washington or anywhere else, if he fails to take all three tenses into account.

Nixon's speech unduly emphasized the future. Unfortunately for the points he wanted to put across, most of his audience is not guided by the principle of today counting for less than tomorrow.

The White House has announced Nixon's intention of holding a press conference within the next two weeks.

It is later in the day than is necessary or desirable, but perhaps he will use that occasion to salt the Watergate ghost's tail.

made to other computers—so much for the mortgage payment, utility bills, store accounts, even the grocer. What is left, if anything, goes into the employee savings or checking account.

Pocket change would still be required. Not even the most enthusiastic computer advocate has hooked coin devices like vending machines and parking meters into the system. A problem with this system is that few people are ready to buy it, least of all the individual whose money would feed the computer grapevine.

Reluctance of the average person to give that much power to computers has brought at least one expert in the field of computer funds transfer to the point he is willing to admit "it is not at all certain we'll ever come to the full vision of the cashless and checkless society."

That isn't proof the basic concept is dead. Something will have to be done to control the huge amount of paperwork involved in the current system of checks, statements and credit receipts. The volume of this tedium is growing dizzyingly.

Whatever the answer, it probably will not be total computerization. Total abdication to the machine is not part of the human makeup.

### Shipping Damage

A British insurance group, the Liverpool Underwriters' Association, issued a disturbing report recently about damage to merchant ships.

The report indicates that every third merchant ship in the world became disabled, in part, during 1972, and this did not include more than a hundred ships listed as totally lost. Six specific casualty categories are listed in the report, with collision being the most prevalent reason for damage. Others include weather damage, stranding, fires, explosions and machinery damage.

The figures add up to more than 8,000 disabling ship accidents, with more than 1,700 of them being collisions. The only conclusion to be drawn by a layman is that merchant shipping is a risky business. Insurance costs must add greatly to the overhead.

Boo!



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

#### CanAmer GAMES OPEN FRIDAY

— 1 Year Ago —

Approximately 300 athletes from Brant County, Ontario Canada, will invade Berrien County this weekend for the fourth annual CanAmer Olympic Games.

The 10-bus caravan of athletes, who will be accompanied by 53 CanAmer executives, coaches and chaperones, is scheduled to arrive at 2 p.m. Friday at the St. Joseph high school parking lot. Opening

ceremonies, including an exhibition soccer match between the two countries, will begin at 7 p.m. at Dickinson stadium.

#### GARAGE ATTENDANT CATCHES BULLET

— 10 Years Ago —

A gas station attendant literally pocketed a bullet fired Friday night in a struggle with a bandit. Henry H. Krause, 56, of Berrien Springs, said the .38 caliber slug tore through the front left pocket of his coveralls,

pierced the flapping garment, and bore through his wallet in a rear pocket.

The bullet stopped in the rear pocket without touching Krause's skin. The armed robbery attempt by a Jackson prison parolee was thwarted when Krause and another attendant wrestled the revolver from the youth and held him for police.

#### ST. JOE ELKS BATTLE NILES

— 29 Years Ago —

Quoth, the mountain will come to Mahomet, or a sporting event of similar import will be played at Kiwanis field tonight at 7 p.m. when the St. Joseph Elks will seek to wrest the Tri-county softball title from their high-flying Niles brethren.

The Niles contingent is billed as a fast and top-notch club, having battered most of their opposition to date. The local club has been tried, but found wanting on several occasions, dropping their opener to C.W. Johnson club even with Elk-Harry Lee calling the balls and strikes.

#### CLUB ENTERTAINED

— 39 Years Ago —

Indian Hills Garden club members are to be entertained in the home of Mrs. Vernon Watson at Lake Chapin, Berrien Springs.

#### GIRL BORN

— 49 Years Ago —

The Edward Critzers of Baroda are parents of a daughter born Aug. 11.

#### BOYS GO CAMPING

— 59 Years Ago —

Eighteen boys have left with Harvey Cookson for the Lake Shore drive for a camping and hiking trip. Mr. Cookson is trying to organize a Boy Scout company here and the trip is a preliminary experiment.

### EDITOR'S MAILBAG

#### WANTS PRESIDENT TO RELEASE TAPES

Editor,

Wednesday night's speech sheds no new light on the President's dilemma. President Nixon defends withholding the tapes on the grounds that releasing them would "endanger national security" and the "confidentiality of the Presidency." Of course, portions of the tapes not dealing with Watergate could be withheld on that premise. Watergate itself represents a criminal matter concerning partisan politics and, as such, would not compromise national security or the confidentiality of the Presidency.

Based on Senate Watergate committee testimony, several senators have stated that they believe the President was not actively engaged in planning either break-in or coverup.

If President Nixon believes that it is time for Watergate to be turned over to the courts (so he may wrestle with more pressing and important issues in the economy), then he, too, should turn over any information, including tapes, which may clarify criminal action. Such bright and intelligent administrators should not be allowed to hide behind the President's coattails. Tsk! Tsk!

Until such time as the tapes are submitted, the President will find a portion of each of his days devoted to Watergate.

Jim Jesswein  
2808 Lakeview,  
St. Joseph

in town. And never any throwing of bottles from my place.

Yes, I was uncooperative, because this is the kind of a man that came right out and told my daughter that she did not have to do as her mother said. Any child with any respect for their parents will obey.

I am an old woman, not able to do a day's work at a real job. And I thought that the center would be the answer to my making a living, but I guess you can't win them all.

The morning after our license was reinstated, some of the town windows had writing on them. And right away our good old chief put the blame on my son Nick, who by the way is 22 years old. The Chief said that now that the center was open, the children would start trouble, and Nick would be behind it all. Anyone who knows him, also knows this is not so.

How much more do I have to put up with? What must the parents that read your paper think of me? They will never let their children come to a place where the manager is such a disorderly person. And, I can't blame them.

And I am going to bring this to a fair court. Just as soon as I can find a lawyer with enough backbone and brave enough to bring my complaint to court against the Hartford police.

I do know I have the constitutional rights on my side. What good are my licenses to me if the people believe all these lies.

Mrs. John Fuller  
Teen Center  
Hartford

#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Mrs. Fuller and her son Nick operate Nick's Youth Center in Hartford. Police Chief Harold Frye Sr., ordered the center closed July 11 after he said a group of teenagers created a traffic and safety hazard in front of the West Main street business. City licenses to operate business were seized by the chief on grounds youths were using center as haven for operation. On July 23, city council suspended the licenses but ordered them re-instated in its last meeting Monday, Aug. 13. Council's August action came after attorney for center contended city licensing law had no provision for suspension procedures. Frye declined to comment on the contents of the letter, saying that the time for Mrs. Fuller to raise any questions was at the August council meeting where both she and her attorney were present.

P.S. Concerning the more pressing problems, the price freeze may be defined as a political decision on an economic issue. Shame!! Shame!! Perhaps the President "hears a different drummer," certainly not the same drummer as many economists.

#### HARTFORD WOMAN SAYS CHARGES UNTRUE

Editor,

I am Mrs. John Fuller, 60 years old, married to John Fuller and have lived in Hartford over 40 years.

I have never thought of myself as being the kind of person that Mr. Harold Frye, police chief of Hartford, said in the newspaper about me.

Everything he said is untrue. I can prove this. My licenses were taken away illegally, there was never any disorderly conduct, or debris and litter anymore than there is any place

Bruce Blossat

### Press Unfair To Spiro Agnew



WASHINGTON (NEA) — One could only watch Vice President Spiro Agnew with a dazed mixture of emotions.

There he was, defending himself, openly and manfully facing the gunfire of a challenging press, speaking crisply and with evident precision, never flinching. He was the very picture of authority and command.

But then there was the rest of the reality. Against the ugly backdrop of Watergate, which might involve President Nixon, here was the nation's second highest officer having to say he was not guilty of improprieties which could lead to charges of bribery, tax fraud, extortion, conspiracy.

In the end, the reality was unreal. The mind is overwhelmed when even the suggestion of wrongdoing reaches so high and so far and leaves the White House so shadowed.

Yet, in this almost dream-like moment, it is clear that great care needs to be exercised. The vice-president is not today under formal charge or indictment. We are dealing with "reports" filtering out from an obviously widespread inquiry into the corruptive use of campaign contributions and contract awards in Maryland.

Veracity is a commonplace of Maryland politics. And one relatively new friend of Agnew's, unable to recall the proved involvement of any prior governments, wondered aloud why the vice-president should be the one in danger of "getting nailed."

He voiced his doubt to me before Agnew spoke, but it seemed to fit the vice-president's own public hint that reports of

his involvement may have come from people "who have found themselves in very deep trouble, and are looking to extricate themselves..."

Only time and events can treat of such doubts. Meanwhile, it must be stated that in one sense — highly important though little noticed — Agnew already has been manhandled in a grossly unfair and inept way by one of the country's major newspapers which originally reported the news story.

Deeply embedded in its first long account was reference to an earlier charge against Agnew as governor, involving alleged impropriety in a land purchase near the site of a coming new Chesapeake bay bridge (now open).

The newspaper simply noted the charge, and then quoted a harsh comment on it from a 1968 New York Times editorial.

The fact is, the editorial followed, upon an exhaustive Times inquiry and story into the bridge matter. But it was almost immediately brought out that another distinguished newspaper previously had done its own full study, and that the net of this and some official inquiry was to substantially exonerate Agnew.

Confronted with this information, the New York Times subsequently crawled a few inches toward apology in one of the most graceless editorials ever to hit print. And its own present references (though it is not the newspaper herein first charged with unfairness) to the earlier charge suggest that the Times is utterly immune to embarrassment over its errors.

Marianne Means

### Nixon Knew, Says Watergate Aide



WASHINGTON — At least one Senate Watergate Committee staff counsel has concluded that President Richard Nixon must have known about the criminal cover-up and pay-off within little more than a week of the break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters.

In other words, the President of the United States knew for almost a year before it was publicly exposed of a high-level White House conspiracy to obstruct justice.

The committee adviser stops short of accusing the President of directing the cover-up, but he outlines in a private memorandum a logical case for believing that it could not have taken place in the fashion that it did without the President's approval. He also observes, without much substantive

evidence, "the person who I believe most responsible for having set in motion this entire series of events... is Charles Colson."

The committee members have retired for the rest of the month, to review the 7,573 pages of testimony and to decide what recommendations to put into the formal report to the Senate. They left, apparently, full of doubts and contradictory impressions.

A six-page, single-spaced typed memorandum appraising the volumes of evidence submitted to the committee in the past months has been obtained by this column. It was written by Assistant Minority Counsel H. William Shure, 33, who is on a six-month leave of absence from a Connecticut law firm.

A majority of Senators may or may not agree with Shure, but this is the way he sees it:

"After the June 24 meeting and the realization that money had to begin being paid to the defendants, it seems to me that the people could no longer keep this thing secret from the President."

(Shure is referring to a hasty conference among ex-Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans, Nixon campaign deputy Jeb Magruder, ex-Attorney General John Mitchell and others a week after the Watergate burglary.)

"It must be kept in mind that they went an entirely new route in setting up the payments for the defendants through Mrs. Hunt. Herbert Klumbach was brought into the picture from California, which meant that someone who up until that time knew nothing about the involvement of any of these people would be told," Shure continues.

"No one will ever convince me that H. R. Haldeman would have handed back this \$350,000 (the secret fund kept in his office) to the committee for the purpose of paying off the defendants without the prior approval of the President. Furthermore, no plausible story could have been told either to Haldeman by the committee or by Haldeman to the President explaining the need for the money at that point in time.

### BERRY'S WORLD



"You tried to communicate telephonically with me this afternoon? Honey, I think you watched those Watergate hearings too much!"

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## Lawyer Demanding Same 'Deal' For 2nd Bomb Suspect

BY BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

Counsel for a St. Joseph teen accused of felony "pipe bombing" a rest room in St. Joseph high school last June 1 Thursday moved in Berrien circuit court to compel the prosecutor to put a co-defendant on the witness stand.

Atty. George Keller claims his client, Gregory Allen Romeu,

18, of 758 Grant avenue, should have been offered the same misdemeanor plea bargain deal as Douglas James Rankin. The motion asks Judge Julian Hughes to compel Prosecutor Ronald Taylor to call Rankin in Romeu's trial.

A felony charge against Rankin was dropped after Rankin pleaded guilty to a lesser misdemeanor count

earlier this month.

Taylor's written answer terms Keller's claims "irrelevant" and says "the People (prosecutor) have in their exercise of prosecutorial discretion considered all the facts and circumstances herein and have offered a reasonable negotiated plea in this case which had been refused by defense counsel." It adds Keller can call Rankin himself.

Taylor countered with a motion of his own for a "protective order" that would prevent Keller in trial from commenting on the plea bargain deal offered Rankin.

A hearing on Keller's motion is set for 11 a.m. Sept. 24.

Romeu is charged with placing explosives June 1 at St. Joseph high school, a pipe bomb that exploded in a lavatory, blowing a water tank off the wall and shattering two urinals. He's free on \$10,000 bond.

A codefendant, Rankin, 18, of 4065 Laukus lane, St. Joseph township, pleaded guilty Aug. 6 to a high misdemeanor charge of attempting to manufacture or possess an explosive and is free on \$10,000 bond pending sentence up to two years. He was first charged with manufacturing an explosive, a five-year felony.

## Relocated M-139 Will Open

The State Highway department has set Wednesday morning for the opening of the northbound section of the M-139 relocation between Empire and Main streets in Benton township.

The 1.24 mile stretch one-way northbound is located east of the current location and will be known as Martin Luther King drive.

The Fair avenue part of M-139 will be one-way southbound from Main to near Empire.

The M-139 relocation has been under construction since August of last year and has cost about one million dollars.

The highway department's traffic division is currently completing the railing on the pedestrian overpass at Sickle street in Benton township and John Yerington Co. of Benton Harbor, contractor, is doing general cleanup.

## Hit By Car

Brian Wolf, 7, of 1367 Monroe street, Benton Harbor, was treated at Memorial hospital, St. Joseph, for bruises on his left leg after he was struck by a car while crossing a street in St. Joseph yesterday afternoon.

St. Joseph city police said Brian, son of Mrs. Dorothy Wolf, was struck after he ran into the path of a car being driven on Upton Drive by Larry Huneryager, 38, Elkhart, Ind.

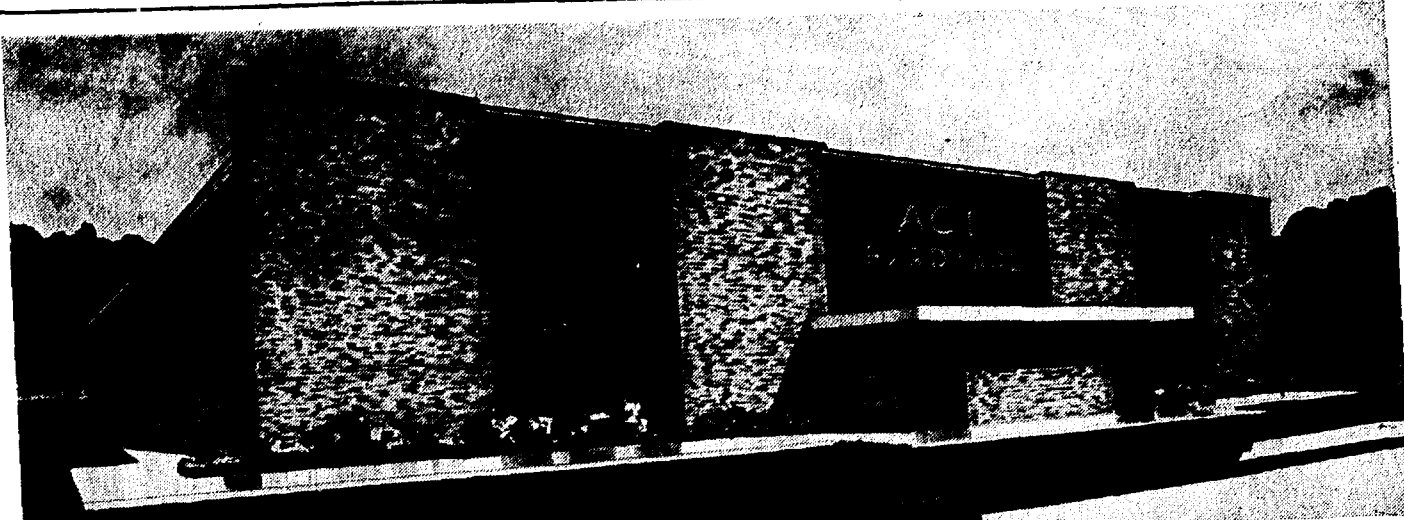
BHEA would do if the no contract or no extension situation continues.

She did say there is a bargaining session scheduled for Tuesday when the board of education is expected to make a "final offer."

Robert W. Payne, assistant superintendent and chief negotiator for the board, confirmed that negotiations will continue Tuesday and that the board has declined to grant an extension.

Mrs. Hunt said negotiations so far haven't taken up salary. "We haven't talked money yet," she said.

Classes in Benton Harbor Area schools are scheduled to start Tuesday, Sept. 4, the day after Labor Day.



NEW ACE HARDWARE: Architect's sketch shows what new Ace Hardware will look like when it is built at M-139 and Miners road, Scottsdale. Previous store was destroyed by fire last month.



FIRST SCOOP: Mathew Borre, owner of Ace Hardware, shovels first scoop of earth to mark construction of new store at M-139 and Miners road Scottsdale, across the street from store that burned last month. Participating in ground breaking from left are: Burton Pearson, general contractor; George Miller, Jr., excavator; Richard Raymer, architect for Pearson Construction Co.; Mrs.

Jean Borre; Mathew (Bud) Borre; Joseph Appel, vice president, Farmers & Merchants National bank; Harley Marschke, Royalton township supervisor; Otto Douthick, chairman of township planning commission; and Les Keigley, store manager. Borre also has proposed shopping center complex on 47-acre tract where hardware will be built. (Staff photo)

## Operation PUSH

## BH Organization Plans Mass Rally

Operation STICK of Benton Harbor will hold its first mass rally Aug. 30 with an official of Operation PUSH of Chicago as guest speaker.

The rally with Rev. George Riddick, National Director of Research for Operation PUSH as speaker is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Liberty theater in Benton Harbor. There will be a \$1.00 donation at the door.

Michael Shane, executive director of Operation STICK (Striving Together in Community Kinship), said today "Operation PUSH is probably the foremost organization representing black people in this country, and when they consented to come in support of our program we were naturally very excited."

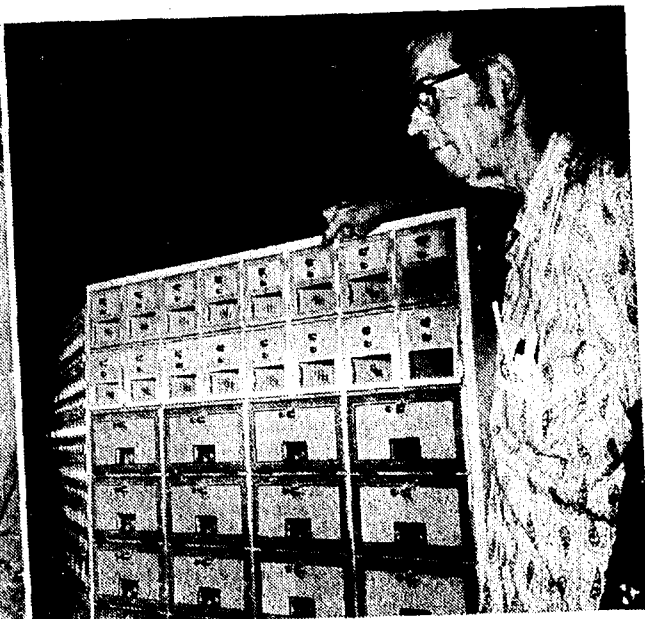
Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) is headed by the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Also appearing at the rally will be Frank Ditto, executive director of East Side Voice of Independent Detroit and host of Black Talk on channel seven in Detroit (WXYZ), and Rudolph Polk, director of community services for Mayor Richard Daley in Chicago.

Rev. Nate Wells, Jr. will be master of ceremonies at the rally. Rev. Milton McAfee and Rev. Ellis Hull are chairman.



NEW LOCK BOXES COMING: Brown Construction, Inc., workers Al Appel and Aage Larsen are knocking out the south lobby wall at St. Joseph post office for installation of new patron lock boxes. At right, George Buitendyk, clerk and assistant supervisor at post



office, is standing beside boxes to be installed. Present 244 boxes will be replaced by 567 new ones. Installation is expected to be completed next week. Postmaster Robert McMullen says applications are being taken for boxes. (Staff Photos)

## SJ SCHOOLS

## New Junior High Pupils To Report

All St. Joseph school district seventh, eighth and ninth graders, who have moved into the Milton or Upton Junior High school areas since June should report to the counselors of their respective schools to have their class programs made out for the 1973-74 school year.

The announcement came from Patrick Ryan, principal of Milton Junior High school and Willis Koontz, principal of Upton Junior High school.

Students should report on one of the following days: Wednesday, Aug. 22, Thursday, Aug. 23, Friday, Aug. 24 and Monday, Aug. 27 between 8 a. m. and noon and 1 to 4 p. m.

All Lutheran students and those who were in the St. Joseph Public school system last year have already completed their programs and need not report to have this done, only those new to the area said Ryan and Koontz.

If there are any questions concerning scheduling the registration, the two principals can be reached by phone. Ryan can be reached at 983-2543 and Koontz at 429-1566.

## BH School Board Fails To Extend Teacher Pacts

BY JIM SHANAHAN  
BH City Editor

Benton Harbor teachers are without a contract or an extension of contract for the first time since the consolidation of 1965.

Mrs. Camilla Hunt, president of the Benton Harbor Education association and chief negotiator for the BHEA, said the contract expired yesterday. The board of education declined to grant an extension of contract, Mrs. Hunt added.

In previous years, teachers have worked under an extension of contract after expiration while a new contract was being negotiated. This meant Benton Harbor schools followed their regular schedules.

Mrs. Hunt said she did not know what the

## BH Will Sign Up 7th, 8th Graders

Registration for the fall semester will be held next week for all seventh and eighth grade students in the Benton Harbor Area schools, school officials announced.

Students who were in the seventh grade last year at Benton Harbor or Fairplain seventh and eighth grade centers will sign up Thursday, Aug. 23, while students new to the district who are to enroll in either the seventh or eighth grade will register Friday, Aug. 24.

Registration hours at both these seventh and eighth grade centers will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Students assigned to Hull seventh and eighth grade center can register any day during the week of Aug. 20, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m.

Sorter seventh and eighth grade center will register students for both grades Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Aug. 22-24, between the hours of 8:30 to 11:30

a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

School officials noted that a \$10 deposit is required from each student to be paid at the time of registration. The deposit is returnable at the end of the school year, less any deductions made for loss of books or equipment, or excessive wear and tear.

All seventh and eighth grade students in the Benton Harbor Area schools will start a full day of classes Tuesday, Sept. 4, the day after Labor day.

## Michigan Gas Station Shutdown Called Off

DETROIT (AP) — Michigan service station operators have called off plans to shut off gas supplies next week, following a Thursday Cost of Living Council announcement.

The council said in Washington it will lift the price freeze on petroleum products other than gasoline and diesel fuel next Monday. The council initially said it would keep a lid on all petroleum prices through Aug. 31. Charles Shipley, president of the Service Station Dealers Association of Michigan, termed the announcement a hopeful word and said the dealers would abandon their planned strike.

Shipley said he wasn't sure whether the council is giving gasoline dealers a "stay of execution or a reprieve." He said, however, that the council's announcement implies that some relief will be forthcoming at the end of August.

Some Michigan service station dealers had vowed to close down for the week of Aug. 19, selling only to emergency vehicles. Shipley predicted earlier that "if only 50 per cent of our members shut down, you won't have to worry about what's going at the auto plants. There won't be anything to fuel the cars."

The retail dealers were protesting a Cost of Living Council decision limiting their profits to the average price as of Jan. 10. Wholesalers, however, were expected to be allowed to sell their gas at the average price as of May 15.

The Michigan dealers argued the restrictions benefited oil suppliers while forcing service station owners to accept "a ridiculously low level" of profit.

Council Director John T. Dunlop said in Washington the oil

regulations would be released today, but that gasoline and diesel fuel refiners will need additional time to compute new price ceilings under them.

He said previously that the new ceilings will provide for rollbacks in some cases, and increases in others.

The council said that retailers will be required to post special government-supplied stickers on all of the nation's estimated one million-plus gasoline pumps, by Sept. 1 showing the ceiling prices and octane ratings of gasoline.

Ceiling prices also must be posted on diesel fuel pumps, the council said.

Drafters of the oil regulations are said to have been racing the clock to have the regulations ready this week.

"The extension of the ceiling on retail prices of gasoline and No.

2-D diesel fuel oil is to permit time for compliance with the posting requirements and the computation of Phase 4 ceiling prices for these products," Dunlop said.

The rest of the petroleum industry — from oil refiners to distributors — will have only little more than the weekend to prepare to put the new regulations into effect.

Deputy council director James W. McLane said Thursday the new regulations are designed to permit increased petroleum prices "to only that degree which would stimulate development of new energy reserves and permit the purchase of higher cost foreign oil."

Stickers for gasoline and diesel fuel retailers will be available from local post offices, along with the instructions, beginning Aug. 27, the council said.

## Berrien Youth Fair

## Attendance High Despite Rain

BY ALAN AREND  
Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Rain failed to dampen the spirits of Berrien County Youth Fairgoers

yesterday afternoon as a total of 17,749 persons, the second largest Thursday crowd in Fair history, turned out to view the many exhibits of Berrien's

youth. Thursday's attendance brought the total three-day figure to 63,471, over 3,000 ahead of last year's record pace when

100,870 attended during the full five days.

A downpour that lasted for nearly an hour, between 3 and 4 p.m., brought an abrupt halt to judging of horses and dogs. It continued to rain off and on until about 6:30 p.m. when the rain finally stopped.

"Yesterday's attendance was really remarkable considering the rain," Robert Norris, fair association president, said. In reality the rain may have been a blessing in disguise, as it settled the dust and gave fairgoers a chance to visit the many exhibit buildings.

Judging of horses, involving contest classes, had to be postponed until today along with the annual dog show.

Last night, Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass performed before two jammed-packed audiences at the main grandstand. Tonight, Myron Floren and Guy and Ralna of the Lawrence Welk show will perform two shows at 7 and 9 p.m.

The fair's annual auction of prime meat animals started this morning with swine and sheep at 10 a.m. Market steers were slated to go on the block at 1 p.m.

Saturday, the garden, modified, and farm tractor pulling contests will begin at 8:30 a.m. A draft horse hitching show and exhibition will be held at 1:30 p.m. and the pony pulling contest at 2 p.m. Saturday night singing star Bobby Goldsboro will perform two shows at 7 and 9 p.m.

In competition yesterday, Nancy Totzke, 16, of Baroda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Totzke, 6744 Totzke road, exhibited the grand champion dairy cow, a Holstein named "Jody." The reserve champion dairy animal was shown by Kathy Van Der Aa, of Three Oaks. It also was a Holstein.

Dan Atherton of Coloma, was named the fair's sweepstakes showman. The event, a first at the fair, featured the top five showman in horse, beef and dairy cattle, swine and sheep, pitted against each other in head-to-head competition using all five different animals.

Atherton, had earlier been named the fair's top sheep showman, and he proved his showmanship skills were also excellent in horse, beef, dairy and swine, during the sweepstakes contest.

Linda Sebasty of Buchanan, the fair's top beef showman, placed second in the competition. Lynn Bassler of Niles, top horse showman, was third; Terry Miller of Niles, top swine showman, was fourth; and Sue Shuler of Baroda, top dairy showman, was fifth.

The coveted Wendel C. Lockshore memorial trophy for the fair's best performer in western horsemanship, was won by Larry Perkins of Buchanan. Tami Hudak of Benton Harbor,

captured the reserve award.

In other competition yesterday, Dennis Klug of Baroda, won the boys division of the youth auto operators contest and Robin Tober of Benton Harbor captured the girls title for the second year in a row.

Paul Lozmack of Three Oaks took first place in the youth tractor operator's contest and Nick Totzke of Baroda placed second.

Rate of Gain winners were also announced in beef cattle competition. The over-all champion was a Charolais exhibited by Mark Koebel of Berrien Springs. His animal had an average daily gain of 2.797 pounds. Finishing in second place was Barry Miltenberger of Niles, whose crossbreed had an average daily gain of 2.688 pounds.

Besides these two champions other individual breed winners in the contest were: A Hereford exhibited by Roy Paturski of Niles with 2.278 pounds daily gain; an Angus exhibited by Jeff

Lash of Buchanan with 1.965 pounds daily gain; and a Shorthorn exhibited by Bruce Foster of Niles with an average daily gain of 2.014 pounds.

Winners of the most outstanding commercial exhibits were also announced yesterday. They were: Andrews university in both commercial buildings; Pleasure Pools of Benton Harbor, outdoor display; and Buchanan Co-ops, farm machinery display.

Other grand and reserve champions in horse competition were: Trail Horse — Julianne Krone, Eau Claire, grand, and Matt Wolske, Eau Claire, reserve. English Equitation Park Seat — Sarah Petlick of Benton Harbor, grand, and Patricia Rothfuchs, Buchanan, reserve. Open English Pleasure — Sharon Cox, Berrien Springs, grand, and Patricia Rothfuchs, Buchanan, reserve. Western Pleasure — Jeff Holt of Watervliet, grand, and Tami Hudak of Benton Harbor, reserve.

## Two Michigan Recruit Centers Hit By Bombs

By The Associated Press

Military recruiting centers at Jackson and Plymouth were the targets of early morning bombings today.

A small bomb exploded at the Navy recruiting office in Jackson at 4:35 a.m., shattering windows. Jackson police said a three-inch pipe bomb lodged between a tree and a window

caused the damage.

Minor damage was reported in the explosion at Plymouth, where an Army recruiting center was bombed shortly after 4 a.m. The explosion broke windows and caused structural damage to the bank building which houses the center.

It was the second time this summer that the two recruiting centers were the targets of bombings. Plymouth is in western Wayne County in southeastern Lower Michigan, while Jackson is in south central Lower Michigan's Jackson County, about 40 miles away.

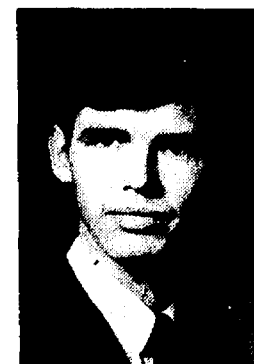
The Plymouth center was damaged slightly in an explosion July 3, but a bomb placed outside the Jackson center the same day did not explode.

A radical group claimed responsibility for the July 3 Plymouth bombing.

An FBI spokesman in Detroit said Jackson police received a call about 40 minutes before today's blast, telling them it had already occurred.

No suspects have been arrested in connection with any of the bombings but Plymouth Police Chief Tim Ford said witnesses reported seeing a man drive away from the recruiting center just before the explosion.

The FBI spokesman said he believes all the bombings are related.



Hired: Jerry Sisson has joined the Decatur public schools as assistant principal of high school. Married with three children, Sisson earned a master's degree from Western Michigan university, Kalamazoo. Prior to being named assistant principal, Sisson served as teacher and coach in Grand Rapids and Battle Creek area high schools, and at Grand Rapids Baptist college.



**BEST SHOWMEN:** These five young people were the best animal showmen of the Youth Fair for the species of animal each was exhibiting. Yesterday they met in competition to decide the top showman of all, each presenting five different animals before the judges. Dan Atherton (center), Coloma, took the overall title. Finishing second was Linda Sebasty (second from left) of Buchanan; third, Lynn Bassler (second from right) of Niles; fourth, Terry Miller (left) of Niles, and fifth, Sue Shuler (right) of Baroda. (Staff photo)

## Berrien Parks Board May Print Rec Directory-Map

BY BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

Berrien county parks and recreation (PRC) commissioners last night told a PRC staffer to check costs of professionally printing the county's first private and public parks and recreation directory.

Parks Coordinator William Gebhard was told to check costs for printing an 8 1/2 by 14-inch map, with descriptions and directions on the back, that can be folded to envelope size.

The PRC staff has mapped and described about 100 public and private recreation and park areas in the county, including picnic grounds, golf courses, playgrounds, boat launch sites, ball diamonds, etc., Gebhard reported.

Any private outdoor recreation facility operator not yet contacted should call Gebhard at the courthouse in St. Joseph to join the listing, he added.

Also last night, the PRC voted to ask county commissioners to transfer \$15,000 frozen in the 1973 PRC budget to the park acquisition, development and maintenance fund.

If not transferred before year's end, it's lost,

Gebhard said.

And PRC Chairman Ben Baldwin promised to make the rounds of board of commissioner committees to lift restrictions so the PRC can spend Fund 17 money "frankly for Canamer games."

County commissioners last March halted a PRC donation of \$7,500 to the Canadian-American summer games for youth organization on grounds the \$7,500 was for parkland only.

PRC Vice Chairman Ben Rosenberg said the board of commissioner veto showed a lack of trust or confidence in PRC.

The Canamer games organization is taking steps to make it appropriate to receive county government money, Baldwin added.

Also last night, Baldwin announced he's learned a 16-acre church family camp on the St. Joseph river east of Buchanan in Niles township will be for sale.

Baldwin said he's asked a representative for the board of education of the West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church to tell the PRC the price tag when the camp is appraised.

## Zoning Delays Stevensville Project

Construction has been blocked on developer Joel Grams' proposed \$115,000 mini-mall shopping center until the Stevensville village council can determine whether a 100-foot wide strip of the site is zoned commercial or residential.

The zoning confusion, which surfaced during last night's council session, involves zoning maps showing the entire mini-mall site zoned commercial and conflicting reports that a 100-foot wide strip of the property was zoned residential as a buffer between the commercial land and residential areas bordering it.

The mini-mall site is located on the east side of Red Arrow highway, south of John Beers road and north of Ridge road. To the east, the site borders residential property on George street.

Robert "Jack" Greendonner, 5760 George street, said he had found through research that the village council had set aside the

100-foot strip as a buffer after it had approved the commercial zoning map in 1952. The zoning map shows the entire 250-foot depth of the mini-mall site as commercially zoned.

Greendonner stated that builders who bought land in the bordering residential area in the late 1950's had been told that the 100-foot buffer existed, and that people who later bought homes in the area had been informed the buffer was there.

He showed the council a letter signed by 19 people claiming that they had been told of the buffer.

Grams agreed to the council's request that construction be held up while council minutes over the last 20 years are searched.

Grams said that if construction does not begin by Aug. 23, it will have to be postponed until spring.

Village Atty. Thomas Adams said that if the zoning map did not show the reported 100-foot zoning change, it might not show others. He recommended that the old minutes be checked for any other changes, and the map updated.

In other business, Greendonner presented a request to the council that consideration be given to making a recreational area out of the site of the old village water tower on the corner of George and John Beers roads.

The council agreed to send formal letters of complaint under the village's new nuisance ordinance to village residents who have property that is an eye sore or possible hazard to public health or welfare.

Complaints of at least two run down houses in the village have been received by the council so far this year.



**TOP DAIRY ANIMAL:** Nancy Totzke, 16, of Baroda, a junior at Lakeshore high school, exhibited the grand champion dairy animal yesterday at the Berrien County Youth Fair. She is seen with the Holstein she calls "Jody." (Staff photo)



**CHAMPION DRIVERS:** Dennis Klug, 18, of Baroda, and Robin Tober, 17, of Benton Harbor, won the boy and girl divisions, respectively, in the Youth Fair's auto operator contest yesterday. (Staff photo)

## Tom Jones Has Tantrum

PINE KNOB, Mich. (AP) — Apparently irked by a noisome sound system, Welsh singer Tom Jones spat water in a sideman's face and hurled his microphone offstage before stalling away, ending his opening night performance early.

"After the audience complaints about the volume of his backup band Wednesday, Jones asked the sound engineer to turn down the sound.

When the sound failed to improve, Jones began making obscene gestures to the band leader and the sound engineer, spectators at the outdoor concert said. Pine Knob is about 45 miles from Detroit.

Spectators also said at one point, when Jones said he could not hear the band on the stage monitor, he took a sip from a paper cup on the piano, then spat the contents into the pianist's face. The musician stalked of stage and returned about four songs later, armed with a pitcher of liquid.

Spectators said Jones continued his pique throughout the concert, kicking flowers off the stage

and insulting the audience. Jones threw the microphone into the wings before the set was to end. "Thank you very much," he said before leaving the stage.

There was no applause, although a Detroit Free Press critic at the concert said Jones was in "fine voice" and sang with "great energy and style."

Jones is scheduled through Sunday.



TOM JONES